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Second Suspect Arrested in Robbery/Kidnap Investigation

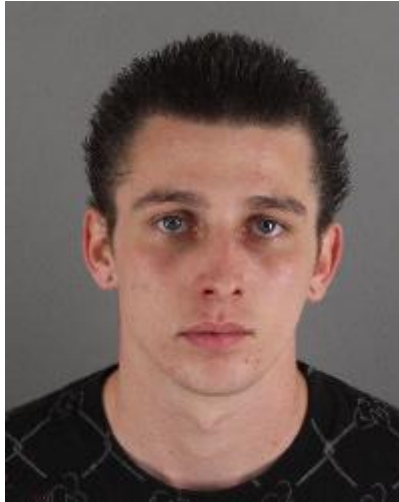
On January 24th, at 5:40 PM, a 19-year-old male was returning to Riverside on the Metrolink from Fullerton where he attends college. As the victim got to his vehicle in the parking lot at the La Sierra Metrolink station, he was approached by two young adult males. One of the suspects produced a knife; they forced the victim into his vehicle and drove away.

The suspects threatened to cut the victim if he did not give them his ATM card and access number. They stopped at the Bank of America at Tyler and Magnolia. The victim managed to flee from the vehicle after providing them with his ATM card. The suspects chased the victim but he was able to hide in a nearby store where police were notified. The vehicle was located several hours later in the 4300 block of La Sierra. The suspects were not located that evening. Detectives later learned the victim's ATM card was used at another bank in the area.

On February 1, detectives arrested 22-year-old Cory Christian (also known as Cory Dowell) of Riverside for the robbery and kidnapping. Detectives continued their investigation and were able to identify the second suspect, Vincente Avila, 20, also of Riverside. On March 1, detectives obtained an arrest warrant in Riverside Superior Court, charging Avila with 215 PC – Carjacking, 209 PC – Kidnapping with intent to commit robbery, and 211 PC – Robbery.

On March 6, shortly after 2 PM, Vincente Avila was arrested without incident by members of the Riverside Police Department's Metro Team. Officers located Avila as he was walking in the 11400 block of Doverwood Drive in the La Sierra area of Riverside.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact Detective Jim Simons at 353-7138 or Detective Mike Medici at 353-7104.



Cory Christian (aka Dowell)



Vincente Avila

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